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for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

(C) Germany is reluctant to discourage Giesecke & Devrient, Zimbabwe's former bank note stock supplier, from restarting its contract with Fidelity Printers. Econoff delivered reftel talking points to Martina Wurm-Dittkrist, German MFA desk officer for Zimbabwe. Wurm-Dittkrist said the recent power sharing agreement needs international support to succeed. In anticipation of monetary policy reforms, she anticipated that the GOZ will need to reach its own decisions on how exactly to end the monetary crisis, but that they will need to be able to continue to print currency in some form and quantity in the future. She related a concern that any future crises will make it difficult for Tsvangirai to succeed as Prime Minister under the sharing agreement.
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